

**President's Message**

We had elections of officers at our last meeting and I want to welcome the new and returning members of your board; Cindy Russell, Brenda Yeager, Stephanie Hood, Becky Payne, Cele Hennequin, Anna Waitas, Barbara Bell, and Craig McLaughlin. I look forward to working with these gracious volunteers. I know they will do a great job for Carthage.

We have a lot of work to do this year and members of the board will need your cooperation. If any of them ask you to help or serve on a committee it's because they think you have the talents to get things done. Please say yes because improving Carthage takes all of us.

I also want to thank everyone who has served on our board in the past. These are people who care deeply about Carthage and are willing to give up their time to make Carthage more livable for all of us.

Robert J. Hartlaub, Jr.

CCL meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month except no Jan. meeting and Feb's is the 4th Monday. Meetings are held at the Rec. Center. Refreshments. Dues are \$2 per year but is not required.

**Next CCL Meeting**

At the next CCL meeting (Mon. 4/20) reps from the Cinci Rec. Commission and the Marvin Lewis Foundation (perhaps even a Bengals player) will be on hand to talk about the Tot Lot that was destroyed by fire last fall. The Marvin Lewis Foundation has money they would like to use to help rebuild the Tot Lot. The Rec. Commission would like your ideas, especially all you mothers who used the lot, on how the Tot Lot should be rebuilt.

Also, reps from Givaudan will attend to talk about our odor concerns and possible solutions.

Please come and share your ideas and concerns with the Civic League, the other organizations listed above and your neighbors to help make Carthage the great place we all enjoy and call home.

**Annual Community Yard Sale**

**To join in the Community Yard Sale follow these steps:**

1. Call 242-1094 by June 1 to register your sale

The address of your sale will be put on our Web Site [www.carthageohio.com](http://www.carthageohio.com)

An ad will be put in the newspaper classifieds announcing the Carthage Community-Wide Yard Sale will be held on June 6 from 8:30am-? and will direct readers to the Carthage web site for a map and the addresses of registered sales.

Yard Signs will be placed throughout the community 2 weeks before the sale.

2. The day of (or night before) post signs on the busier streets directing customers to your house.

3. Decorate (Optional) your signs or yard with balloons or flags to attract customers.

**Remember**

Clearly price items. A little preparation goes a long way. Make sure your yard is safe and clear of tripping hazards.

You are responsible for your customers' safety. If you are selling electrical items, have a safe extension cord available.

Take all signs down at the end of your sale.



**There is NO Rain Date.**

Save this information June 1st will be here before you know it.

**Annual Egg Hunt**

**April 4th, 12 noon sharp  
Rain or shine**

**Caldwell Park 316 North Bend Rd.**



11 years and under. Arrive before noon or you may miss the fun.

Carthage Rec. Center  
19 East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Tel. 513-821-2954  
[carthage@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:carthage@cincinnati-oh.gov)

Hour of operation – subject to change  
Monday 9-8:30  
Tuesday 9-6:00  
Wednesday 9-8:00  
Thursday 9-8:00  
Friday 9-8:30  
Center Closed May 25, 2009 – Memorial Day

#### **Membership fees**

Youth, Teen, and Seniors (50+) \$8.00  
Adult (18+) \$15.00

#### **Memberships required for all programs**

#### **Adult Programming 18+**

##### **Corn Hole League**

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm  
Beginning June 17-August 12  
\$5/per person

Join us in the Rec. Center's parking lot for an evening of Corn Hole. Small prizes will be awarded when the league is over.

##### **Weight Room**

Monday-Friday  
Adults wanting to shed those holiday pounds, visit the fitness room. It is the best value in town. Participants need to sign a weight room waiver.  
Open during regular hours  
Free with membership.

##### **Wii Bowling**

Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm  
Join in the new fitness craze – Wii Bowling  
Free with membership  
Begins April 2

#### **Up Date on Rec. Center** **Carthage Rec. Center open for 2009.**

Chris Monzel, City Council member, came to the last CCL meeting and reported that both Carthage and Camp Washington's Rec. Centers are to remain open for 2009.  
Laketa Cole, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said no center hours will be cut.

The Center is an important part of our community. Stop by for a list of all the programs. If you have an idea for a program let the staff know. Join the Center. It's fun.

#### **Youth**

##### **Free Snacks**

Monday – Friday  
2:30-3:00pm

##### **Open Gym – Final Gym May 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:15-7:30 pm Tuesdays & Wednesdays Ages 8-12  
Enjoy playing basketball with your friends.

##### **Sun Down Fun Plus**

May 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
Bring your friends and join in for an evening of games, crafts, pizza and fun  
\$4 plus membership

##### **Wacky Wednesday**

Hartwell Gym April 15 6-7:15pm  
Please register by calling 821-2954 – The Carthage staff will walk/van the children to the Hartwell gym for fun games in the gym. Permission slips are required. Parents pick up the children at the Hartwell gym.

##### **Teen Programs Ages (13-17)**

##### **Open Gym – Final May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays Teens (13-17) 7:30-9:00 PM  
An evening of basketball with your friends - contact Bryan for playing on a team.  
Free with membership

##### **Teen Lounge**

Mondays & Fridays 2:30-8:30pm  
Tuesdays – Wednesdays – Thursdays 2:30-5:30  
Just a place to hang out with your friends, computers, Wii and free snacks from 7:00-7:30

##### **Teen Trip to the Mall**

Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30  
Contact Bryan for more information

##### **Seniors 50+**

##### **CASS**

Cincinnati Area Senior Services provides free door to door grocery shopping trips for seniors 60 years and older for the Carthage Community. Wednesdays 10:00am Participants need to register by calling the Carthage Rec at 821-2954. Must have 8 or more for the bus to go.

##### **Catered Dinner & Talent Show**

Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm \$6.00  
Enjoy a wonderful evening of entertainment. For more information contact Buddie.

##### **Catered Dinner & Games**

April 17<sup>th</sup> 5pm \$6.00

##### **Pot Luck Dinner**

April 24<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Please bring a dish that feeds 8-10



## Summer Day Camp

The Carthage Rec. Center will once again offer a Summer Day Camp that will begin *Monday June 8 and continue through Friday, Aug. 14*. No Camp on Friday July 3. Activities include swimming, field trips, arts & crafts, and games & sports. Also participants may sign up for specialty programs - Golf Lessons, Red Rookie Success. Children should daily pack a lunch and a snack.

Cost: TBA. Call the Center for more information.

## Teen River Trek 2009

*Mon. July 27 thru Fri. July 31.*

This is a 5 day/4 night camping and canoeing journey down the Little Miami River.

A nature experience of a lifetime! Learn canoeing, kayaking, and camping skills. Make new friends, build leadership and teamwork skills.

To become a candidate for the 2009 River Trek, you must be 13-17 yrs. old and apply. Application packets are available at any Cincinnati Rec. Center but the completed Application must be returned no later than Friday, March 20, 2009.

Don't miss out on this experience!

**Hamilton County Fairgrounds**  
7801 Anthony Wayne  
Tel. 513-761-4224

[www.hamiltoncountyfair.com](http://www.hamiltoncountyfair.com) Go to this web site to find out on how to get involved in the fair.

Plans for next year's Hamilton County Fair are in progress and you are invited to the Board's meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. You can also support the Fair by making a donation to "Save Our Fair" at any Fifth/Third bank branch.

## **Farmers' Market Returning**

The Opening Day of the 2009 Hamilton County Agricultural Society's 2009 Farmers' Market will be on May 12! Get your products ready, and spread the word. You can visit [www.hamiltoncountyfair.com](http://www.hamiltoncountyfair.com) to read the rules as well as download an application. With the economy in its present state, this could be a banner year for both producers and buyers. Sign up now and reserve your space.

## **First Annual Car & Bike Show**

plus Arts and Crafts Show at the Fairgrounds, Sat. *May 2*. Car Show registration 9:00 am, Show noon - 4:00 pm. Arts & Crafts show 9 am - 9 pm. For more info., call Kim or Bill 513-821-1356.

## Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Elmwood Place Branch  
6120 Vine Street  
Tel. 513-369-4452

The library offers many wonderful programs on a weekly or monthly basis. Call the Elmwood branch for details.

## Caldwell Nature Center

430 W. North Bend Rd.  
(513) 761-4313

### **Request for Historical Information**

Olivia Canada, Park Naturalist, is doing a History of Caldwell in August. She has files about the place there but wants to put a call out to anyone of Carthage that might have any photographs or would care to share anything about Caldwell. She also wants to incorporate some History of Carthage if anyone has some to share.

## **Recycling**

The Quality of Life Team had a clean up on *Feb. 28*. The focus was the street line along Seymour Ave. from Este Ave. north to the electrical poles. The volunteers picked up 52 bags of recyclables, 10 bags of garbage, 7 tires and 2 grocery carts. Most all of the trash was collected that day but several members returned the following week to finish. Thanks to all who helped especially the 3 UC students.



Stop Illegal Dumping  
Call the police immediately at 765-1212.

- Give current location
- Where you saw the suspected dumper
- The time you observed that person and whether he/she is still at the location
- License plate number
- A general description of the vehicle i.e. small blue pick-up truck with red markings on the side)

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU ACTUALLY CONFRONT THE SUSPECTS.



The Carthage Civic League  
19 E. 72nd Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45216

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Cincinnati, OH  
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### **Great American Clean Up**

*Sat. April 25, 2009*

When? 9:00 am

Where? Carthage Recreation Center

A picnic/potluck lunch follows at noon at the Recreation Center. Please bring something to share if you can.

On Sat., April 25, Americans across the US will be out picking up trash, debris and garbage that has collected during the winter. This is a nationwide event to clean up our towns/cities/ villages. We ask you to join in with others in Carthage in this project either with the group (meet at the Rec. Center at 9:00 am) or do a clean-up of your own yard, including the alleyways, and street curbs. Every little bit helps.

It's good for Carthage, Cincinnati, and the United States of America.

T-shirts will be available, however in keeping with "going green" if you already have a t-shirt from a prior Clean-Up please wear it.

### **La Gran Limpieza Americana**

*El Sábado, 25 de Abril 2009*

¿Cuándo? 9:00 am

¿Dónde? Carthage Recreation Center

El almuerzo es al mediodía. Si es posible, por favor traiga algo para compartir con los demás.

El sábado, 25 de abril, las personas dentro de todos los Estados Unidos van a recoger la basura y los escombros que se han acumulado durante el invierno. Es un evento nacional con el propósito de limpiar nuestros barrios, vecindarios, y ciudades. Le pedimos que participe en este proyecto con otras personas en Carthage. Habrá camisetas disponibles para los voluntarios, pero si usted participó en el evento el año pasado, le pedimos que traiga la camiseta que recibió el año pasado para así ayudar el medio ambiente. Si no puede participar, por favor limpie su propio patio/"yarda" y calle, y lave sus ventanas. Su ayuda será sumamente apreciada. ¡Mantengamos Carthage, Cincinnati, y los Estados Unidos limpios!